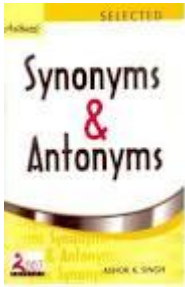


What are words with similar meaning /opposite meaning to another word known as?

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What are Synonyms and Antonyms:



Synonyms are words that have similar meaning. Two different words that mean the same are said to be synonymous and the quality of being synonymous is known as synonymy. The term synonym has been derived from a Greek word called syn which means 'with' and onoma which means 'name'. Antonyms are words that have opposite meaning to another word. Two words that mean the opposite are said to be antonymous. Antonym has been derived from a Greek word called anti which means 'opposite' and onoma which means 'name'.

Example of Synonym:

Thin



Skinny



The girl is very thin.

The skinny man runs fast.

In the above mentioned sentences, thin and skinny mean the same. Both of the words (thin and skinny) are used to describe a person who is very lean.

Example of Antonym:

Thin



Fat

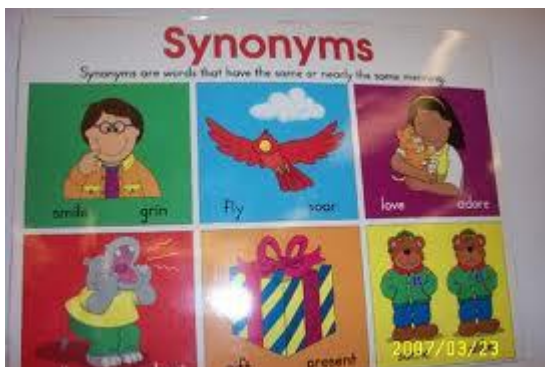


He has become very thin.

Look at that fat man!

In the above mentioned sentences, thin and fat are opposites and hence they are regarded as antonyms.

Difference between Synonym and Antonym



Synonym	Antonym
A word having same or identical meaning to another word is called a synonym.	A word having opposite meaning to another word is called an antonym.
<u>Example:</u> The girl looks very beautiful . The synonym of beautiful is pretty .	<u>Example:</u> The girl looks very beautiful . The antonym of beautiful is ugly .

Few More Examples of Synonyms and Antonyms

Below mentioned are the examples of synonyms and antonyms.



Synonym:

Brave

I am very brave. The synonym of brave is courageous.



Naughty

The boy is very naughty. The synonym of naughty is mischievous.



Big

The house is too big. The synonym of big is huge.



Antonym

Timid/Shy

The boy is very timid. The antonym of brave is timid.



Courteous

That man is very courteous. The antonym of naughty is courteous.



Small

My grandmother lives in a small hut. The antonym of big is small.

Synonym and Parts of Speech

There are eight parts of speech in English. A synonym can be any part of speech. It can be a verb, adjective, adverb, preposition but both the words should be the same part of speech.

Example:

- Verb
Manage-handle
- Adjective
Happy-glad
- Adverb
Nevertheless-still
- Preposition
Below-under

Difference Between Synonym, Antonym and Homonym

A word having similar meaning to another word is known as synonym. A word having opposite meaning to another word is known as antonym. Words that have same spelling and pronunciation, but different meanings are known as homonyms.

Example:

Synonym

The tiny man came near us. Little is a synonym of tiny.

Antonym

You are doing a good job! Bad is an antonym of good.

Homonym

Rock (a large mass of stone), rock (a kind of music)

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